

## **Holocaust Remembrance Day 2005**

Extension of Remarks  
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Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Day, which is being observed today in the United States, Israel, and in Jewish communities around the world.

Each year this day is one of grief and hope. We memorialize the six million Jews, including more than one million children, who were murdered in the Holocaust. We observe the anniversary of the Warsaw ghetto uprising and remember the heroism of those who fought back. We honor the survivors and the tremendous strength it took for them to rebuild their lives.

I would like to take this opportunity acknowledge two special commemorative ceremonies that took place in my district.

First, let me pay tribute to Café Europa, an association of Los Angeles area Holocaust survivors sponsored by Jewish Family Services. This week, Café Europa sponsored a special Yom HaShoah ceremony at Mount Sinai Memorial Park alongside Holocaust survivors from Café Europa of Tel Aviv and students from area schools. I want to particularly thank the survivors who courageously and poignantly shared their painful experiences through stories, poems, songs and photographs.

I would also like to recognize a community-wide ceremony in Pan Pacific Park sponsored by the Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust, The Jewish Federation, Second Generation, and the Los Angeles Holocaust Monument Fund. This year, the program's theme, "From Liberation to the Pursuit of Justice," marks the 60th anniversary of the liberation of the concentration camps and the Nuremberg Trials to prosecute Nazi war criminals.

On this day we bear witness to the atrocities of the Nazi regime so that they are not forgotten and never again repeated. We renew our commitment to Holocaust education to ensure that the lessons of the Holocaust do not fade away as the generation that lived through these events passes on. And perhaps most importantly, we pledge to fight future genocide by taking action against the slaughter of innocents going on today in places like Darfur, Sudan.

We cannot forget that the bloodshed could have been averted had the leaders of the world not been silent while Jews were being killed at Auschwitz. When we say "Never Again," let us learn from their mistakes.